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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS

REFERENCE: STATE 190593

1. DURING ANGLO-GERMAN POLITICAL DIRECTOR CONSULTATIONS HERE ON JULY 29 (SEPTEL), HIBBERT BRIEFED BLECH ON HIS LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST REGARDING POSSIBLE FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN RESPONSE BLECH EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR A FOUR-POWER GROUP (US, UK, FRG AND FRANCE) RATHER THAN FIVE.

2. BLECH TOLD HIBBERT THE FRG DOES NOT CONSIDER THE UNSC THE PROPER VENUE FOR HANDLING CYPRUS NOR DOES IT WANT A GROUPING BASED ON UNSC MEMBERSHIP. HE NOTED THAT THE FRG AND CANADA WOULD BE LEAVING THE UNSC AND

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THEIR SUCCESSORS MIGHT CLAIM THE RIGHT TO JOIN IN A CYPRUS INITIATIVE. IN ANY CASE, INCLUDING CANADA WOULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF CONTINUING THE WESTERN UNSC GROUP AND THE FRG HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, HIBBERT SAID HE WAS AMENABLE TO A GROUP OF FOUR BUT OWENS WANTED TO MAINTAIN

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NAMIBIA CONTACT GROUP. HIBBERT
UNDERTOOK FURTHER TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH OWENS.

4. COMMENT. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER FRG
OBJECTIONS TO A FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ARE -- AS BLECH
SAID -- DIRECTED AGAINST THE APPEARANCE OF A UNSC
ROLE OR AGAINST CANADIAN PARTICIPATION. MEEHAN

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